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SUBJECT: JULY 25 ROUNDUP: PRESS ITEMS OF ARMS CONTROL
INTEREST

LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR

1. JOHN DILLIN OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR REPORTED THAT
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CONSERVATIVE DEFENSE EXPERTS, LED BY PAUL NITZE, WARN THAT
SALT TREATY THAT PROHIBITS MULTIPLE AIM POINTS (MAP) BASING
SYSTEM FOR U.S. MISSILES COULD LEAD TO DANGEROUS MILITARY
IMBALANCE IN FAVOR OF SOVIET UNION BY 1982. NITZE CLAIMS
THAT MAP SYSTEM WOULD BE SO EFFECTIVE THAT IT COULD GIVE
U.S. STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE OVER SOVIETS EVEN WHEN USED WITH
TODAY'S MINUTEMAN MISSILE. HENRY TREWHITT OF BALTIMORE SUN

SAID NITZE, SPEAKING FOR COMMITTEE ON PRESENT DANGER, URGED "CRASH PROGRAM TO DEPLOY AN ALTERNATIVE LAUNCHPOINT SYSTEM." TREWHITT EXPLAINED THAT "WHAT NITZE CALLED AN 'ALTERNATIVE LAUNCHPOINT SYSTEM' AND ADMINISTRATION CALLS 'MULTIPLE AIM POINTS SYSTEM' REPRESENTS SORT OF SHELL GAME OF NUCLEAR STRATEGY....ADMINISTRATION IS NOT YET COMMITTED TO THAT APPROACH. BUT IT RECOGNIZES THAT SOMEHOW IT MUST COUNTER GROWING SOVIET NUCLEAR POWER IF SALT TREATY NOW BEING NEGOTIATED IS TO RECEIVE SENATE RATIFICATION." TREWHITT SAID NITZE URGED ADMINISTRATION NOT ONLY TO ADOPT SYSTEM BUT ALSO TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SILOS QUICKLY. "SO FAR

ADMINISTRATION HAS ACTED ONLY TO RETAIN RIGHT TO SUCH SYSTEM -- USING EITHER PRESENT MISSILES OR NEW ONES YET UNDEVELOPED -- UNDER SALT TREATY LANGUAGE," TREWHITT SAID. "SOVIET NEGOTIATORS HAVE OBJECTED, SOMEWHAT ROUTINELY, WHILE THEY STUDY AMERICAN PROPOSALS." HE SAID NITZE TOLD NEWS-MEN "IT NOW IS CLEAR WHAT SALT AGREEMENT WILL LOOK LIKE. ONLY QUESTION NOW IS WHAT IT KEEPS US FROM DOING THAT WE NEED TO DO." TREWHITT SAID NITZE'S "ADVOCACY FOR DUMMY SILOS BY NO MEANS AMOUNTED TO OVER-ALL ENDORSEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS. HE COMPLAINED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ADMINISTRATION IS FAILING TO GUARD AGAINST SOVIET ABILITY TO 'BREAK OUT' -- THAT IS, TO SUDDENLY CONVERT PERMITTED WEAPONS INTO PROHIBITED ONES." ON QUESTION OF VERIFICATION, NITZE SUGGESTED THAT EACH UNCLASSIFIED

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SIDE MIGHT AGREE TO OPEN ITS SILOS ON SHORT NOTICE TO CAMERAS IN OTHER'S SPACE SATELLITES. TREWHITT SAID ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS LIMITED ON-SITE INSPECTION MAY BE POSSIBLE.

2. TAKASHI OKA OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR SAID DESPITE MISGIVINGS ABOUT SO-CALLED CRUISE MISSILE OPTION, WEST EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF NATO "STILL GENERALLY SUPPORT SALT TWO NEGOTIATIONS." IN FACT, HE SAID QUOTING ALLIANCE SOURCES IN BRUSSELS, "EUROPEAN ALLIES ARE PROBABLY MORE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SALT TWO THAN ARE GOODLY NUMBER OF AMERICAN SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES." MONITOR CORRESPONDENT SAID U.S. HAS "FAITHFULLY KEPT" ITS ALLIES INFORMED ABOUT PROGRESS IN SALT NEGOTIATIONS, AND CHIEF NEGOTIATOR WARNKE HAS VISITED NATO HEADQUARTERS ABOUT ONCE EACH MONTH.

3. AVIATION WEEK AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY SAID CIA'S NATIONAL FOREIGN ASSESSMENT CENTER REPORTS THAT SOVIET DEFENSE SPENDING HAS GROWN AT ANNUAL RATE OF FOUR-FIVE PERCENT IN DECADE ENDING 1977, AND UPWARD TREND IN ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO DEFENSE IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE. CIA SAID SPENDING GREW FROM 40 - 45 BILLION RUBLES IN 1967 TO 58 -

63 BILLION RUBLES IN 1977. DEFENSE CONSUMED 11 - 12 PERCENT OF SOVIET GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT, AND DEFENSE BUILDING AND METALWORKING INDUSTRIES, CIA REPORTED. AVIATION WEEK SAID IN MOSCOW, RUBLE'S U.S. DOLLAR VALUE IS ABOUT 1.25 DOLLARS, "AN EXCHANGE RATE CONSIDERED ARTIFICIALLY HIGH, WHEN ACTUAL VALUE IS NEARER 80 CENTS." VANCE

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